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Year 9 and 10 trip to Worth Down Military Base

On Wednesday 10th March a small selection of Year 9 and 10 GCSE students visited Worth Down, Military Base in Winchester. Upon arrival we had a guided tour of the training base, which trains military chefs from all areas of the Armed Forces. We were shown around by Jules Rann – a senior member of the base management team who is a fully trained chef and soldier. Students had the chance to make bread with trained chefs, learn what military life is like and what qualifications they could gain. Students also had a question and answer session with various members of the catering establishments such as head chefs and stewards in the Royal Navy.

After the guided tour students started to be braver and asked more questions. We all went outside in the mud and rain (a true hands on experience) and students were guided around to see how military food is prepared and cooked. They also had the chance to look and see ration packs and were all given a free lunch cooked

from rations. Students went for the safe option of the handmade pizzas cooked on the open fire pit. Students also had the opportunity to look at recruitment information and interact with the trained solders on site.

Some quotes from students include:

'We liked how friendly the staff were' and

'I can't believe this is ration food because it's so nice'.

I would like to thank the students on the day for their impeccable behaviour and to thank the staff at Worth Down for this opportunity.

Miss L Butcher – Acting Faculty Leader, Design and Technology



Year 10 Food Exams

On Wednesday 24th and Friday 26th February Year 10 GCSE Food Technology students took part in their final practical exam. After months of preparation and planning all students completed their exam, which is a very nerve racking two hour practical exam completed in silence. I would like to formally say thank you and well done for all your hard work Year 10. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the parents and carers for all their support as I know students have been practising over half term and for the longer term support in getting your child ready. Below are some images from the exams.



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Careers Information

Stop Press! Just in! Opportunity for Year 10s to get involved with powerboats. Find out about Marine Engineering. Starting 23rd April for five weeks. For someone who shows promise during this work experience placement there will be an opportunity to take on a Level 2 Apprenticeship. Find out more here http://www.employmentactiongroup.co.uk/#!apprenticeships/c14e

Interested in Science, Engineering or Maths? Opportunities still available for Year 11 and Year 12 students to have a STEM Oxfordshire Apprenticeship placement in the summer for 2-4 weeks and with a £80.00 bursary paid per week! Closing date 28th March. Find out more search opportunity OP1436 at OXME.info/ or email Katie Yates on Katie.vates@scienceoxford.com

Interested in medicine or any health career? The NHS is offering two taster weeks 25th - 29th July and 22nd - 26th August for those interested in Year 11 and 12 Places are going fast! Email careers@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk to book your place or find out more!

Mrs E Hounsell – 14-19 Pathway Manager

Aviation scholarship opportunity – 5th to 8thApril 2016 at Oxford Airport

Do you know anyone aged 14-18 and interested in a future career in aviation? If so, why not encourage them to apply for fly2help's Aim High scholarship at Oxford Airport in this Easter holiday? During the four day programme, scholars will see behind the scenes at airport operations and air traffic control, go on military and aerospace site visits and meet a broad range of people keen to talk to you about their careers. We're looking for ten enthusiastic young people. Please share this and get them to apply by 13th March using the online application form www.fly2help.org.

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Year 12 Careers & Higher Education Programme

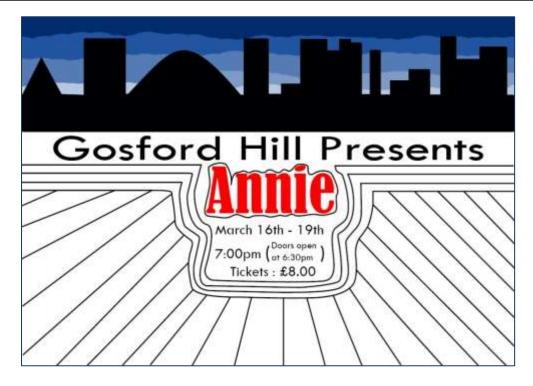
As part of our commitment to supporting our Year 12 students to make informed decisions about their futures, all students attended the annual Higher Education & Careers Conference at Brookes University. This year students were invited to attend lectures about applying to university and university finance as well as a range of subject specific lectures. It was a really informative day for all students, whether or not they plan to progress to university in the future.

Our next trip will be to Bournemouth University on 23rd March to visit the UCAS Convention. Students will have the opportunity to visit the stands of over 140 UK universities as well as another university campus.

In addition, our Parents Higher Education Information Evening will be on Wednesday 21st April 6-7pm in the Sixth Form Common Room.

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Tickets for this year's production of Annie are on sale every break time in the canteen.

Is your child entitled to additional funding?

School meals will give your child a real appetite for learning and help them to achieve their full potential.

If your child is eligible for free school meals it means they can enjoy delicious, healthy meals without the bills and the fuss of making packed lunches. Many students at our school are already entitled to free school meals, and your child may be able to have them too.

Also, for every student registered for a free school meal, the school receives additional money from the Government to spend on extra school resources.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Please note that you do not normally need to provide evidence of your income, only your National Insurance Number and Date of Birth.

If you think your children may be entitled to free school meals, please contact Reception for an application form or download one from our Gosford Hill School website.

Ms P Challans - Business Manager